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New England in the Life of the World: A Record of Adventure and Achievement. By HOWARD ALLEN BRIDGMAN. (Boston, The Pilgrim Press, 1920. xiii, 395 p. Illustrations, maps.)

How the natives of the oldest settled section of the United States have emigrated to various parts of the earth, and how they have taken with them the New England spirit — the spirit of the Pilgrim fathers — and have influenced thereby the cultural evolution of the people with whom they came in contact, is set forth in this volume. The author devotes eight chapters to the process by which the "Pilgrim seed" was transplanted to and generated in nine states of the Middle West — Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, and the Dakotas. The subtitle of the volume might well be applied to the chapter on "New England and Minnesota" (pp. 109-120); for here is a brief record, first, of the adventures of Jonathan Carver, the explorer, and of a group of Indian missionaries including the Pond brothers, and, second, of the achievements of those later New Englanders who helped to mould the infant state, especially in its religious and educational life. The early history of that lasting product of the labors of the latter group — Carleton College — is presented in some detail (pp. 114-117). The chapter includes a list of New England place names in Minnesota (p. 118).

In writing this book Dr. Bridgman undertook a vast task — a task which could scarcely be adequately performed when limited to the scope of a single volume. Hence in place of an exhaustive discussion of the New England influence in Minnesota, there is merely an enumeration of prominent individuals with brief statements of their accomplishments. Some rather obvious errors have crept in, such as the statements that New Ulm is in Carver County (p. 110), and that there were twenty-four members in the first territorial legislature (p. 112). Nevertheless, the chapter contains a useful and original compilation of material. It is accompanied by a portrait of Minnesota's foremost New Englander, Dr. Cyrus Northrop, and by a map on which are indicated "sample migrations from New England to Minnesota." Most of the chapters in this volume were first

published serially in the *Congregationalist and Advance*, a weekly periodical edited by Dr. Bridgman. The chapter on Minnesota, with slight variations, appeared in the issue of May 20, 1920.

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The Centennial History of Illinois. Edited by CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD. In five volumes. Volume 1: *The Illinois Country, 1673-1818.* By CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD. (524 p.) Volume 2: *The Frontier State, 1818-1848.* By THEODORE CALVIN PEASE. (475 p.) Volume 3: *The Era of the Civil War, 1848-1870.* By ARTHUR CHARLES COLE. (499 p.) Volume 4: *The Industrial State, 1870-1893.* By ERNEST LUDLOW BOGART and CHARLES MANFRED THOMPSON. (533 p.) Volume 5: *The Modern Commonwealth, 1893-1918.* By ERNEST LUDLOW BOGART and JOHN MABRY MATHEWS. (544 p.) (Springfield, The Illinois Centennial Commission, 1918-20. Illustrations.)

By celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of her admission to the Union with the production of a five-volume collaborative history, Illinois has created a unique monument to herself and has put in her debt all students of history and all true admirers of genuine search for the truth—a search which in this case involved years of painstaking toil in collecting materials, sifting their contents, and reducing the result to a narrative account so far unparalleled in state historical work. To the legislators who, by the appropriation of necessary funds, made possible such an undertaking, to the men and women who did the actual work of compiling information and rendering its synthesis available to the world of students and all interested in the story of the growth of a great commonwealth, to the Illinois Centennial Commission in direct charge of the whole enterprise, and to the numerous institutions and individuals who have contributed in one way and another is due the gratitude of all. The resources of the New World and the services of hundreds of persons have entered into the final product. Without adequate financial support to command so great an array of talent such a history would have been impossible; lacking scientific guidance and trained workers the money could have brought forth no